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The Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamboat Company, known as the Ericsson Line, has contracted with the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company, Wilmington, Del., for two new steamers to be used for their daylight excursions between Baltimore and Philadelphia.

The steamers are to have a guaranteed speed of 19 miles an hour. Their dimensions will be: Length over all 205 feet, length between perpendiculars 190 feet, beam molded 23 feet 6 inches, draft about 9 feet.

The engines are to be of the four-cylinder, triple-expansion type of 2,000 indicated horsepower, with cylinders of 21 inches, 32 inches, 35 inches diameter. There will be no auxiliary engines. The condenser will be of the independent type. Steam will be supplied by four water, tubular boilers, having a grate surface of 224 square feet and a medium force draft. There will be two firerooms, having a coal-bunker space between them the entire width of the boat.

The steamers will be supplied with steam steering engines and every modern appliance for safety, and will have electric lighting throughout, with searchlights on the pilot houses. The vessels will have accommodations for 1,000 passengers each. Each will have 10 staterooms. The dining room will seat 100 people at one sitting and will be located forward on the saloon deck. The saloon accommodations will have every comfort. There will also be a first-class smoking room and bar on the main deck for men. Officers' quarters will be on the flying deck aft of the pilot house, and the crew's quarters will be forward on the main deck. The steamers are expected to be launched the latter part of April, and finished by June 1, 1903, for the excursion season.

The new vessels will replace the Richard Willing and the General Cadwallader, which will go out of commission on account of age. The old boats have a capacity for only 500 passengers each. There will be an increase of deck room on the new vessels. They are expected to make excellent time on the run between here and Philadelphia, arriving in Baltimore every day in time to connect with the Bay Line steamers and connecting daily at Philadelphia with trains to reach Atlantic City in one hour or New York in two hours.

The Ericsson Line has been directed since its establishment by three generations of the same family. Mr. Clarence Shriver, the present manager, being the fourth in line. The company was chartered February 23, 1844, with Mr. John S. Shriver as president. He was succeeded by Mr. J. Alexander Shriver, his son, who was succeeded by his son, Mr. Frederick Shriver, brother of the present manager.

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